exchange termination or a line termination respectively.

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"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference.... The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." See MPEP 2131, citing various case law.

Thus, the invention according to claim 1 is not anticipated by Brueckheimer since this reference is missing the element identified above. Since claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, Brueckheimer cannot anticipate these claims either.

2. Brueckheimer also does not convey any incentive to realize a decentralized link between an exchange termination and a line termination, known in a digital transmission network as a V reference point, by way of an ATM network

The object of the present invention is to provide a transmission system that enables, with an ATM network, the realization of a narrow-band communication system that is simple to install and simple to configure. (Spec. 3/29 - 4/2)

Brueckheimer does not discuss either the problem of building up new narrow-band communication networks or the problem of moving a subscriber terminal from one location to another location necessitating a reconfiguration of connection lines (which the objective of the present invention results from). Consequently, Brueckheimer does not motivate one to realize a V reference point in a digital transmission network by way of an ATM network at all, and thus fails to address to the objective of the present invention.

Brueckheimer just focuses on adapting constant bit rate traffic to the ATM standard and on supporting ISDN services by way of an ATM exchange, whereas the present application states, at 8/27-28, that the design of the ATM network is not

essential for the present invention. Thus, Brueckheimer misses the core of the present invention.

Furthermore, Brueckheimer teaches to terminate services comprising the narrow-band system by an ATM multiplexed adapter (see 2/12-14). This is in contrast to the present invention, for the ATM network is just used as a "transit network" and therefore it is definitely intended that calls, i.e., voice services, still can be initiated and terminated by way of a terminal equipment. Consequently, because of these disadvantages, Brueckheimer discourages one from using an ATM network as a "transit network" for transmitting digital signals between an exchange terminal and a line terminal.

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For these reasons, the Applicant asserts that the present claim language clearly distinguishes over the prior art, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §102(b) rejection from the present application.

3. Brueckheimer does not even serve as obviating prior`art for the present invention.

The present invention provides a solution to a long-felt and commonly known need to build up new narrow-band communication networks in a very cost-effective way. The present invention addresses an enduring, unmet need to move a subscriber terminal from one location to another location, especially in corporate networks due to organizational changes in working groups, teams, departments, business units and many other entities of a company. These needs have not been satisfied prior to the present invention, despite the fact that the commercial interest in such a solution certainly has always been very high.

Thus, even under an obvious standard, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and the claims depending from claim 1 are not obvious over Brueckheimer.

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Conclusion

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Inasmuch as each of the rejections have been werecome by the amendments and arguments presented, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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